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## Office of Legislative Counsel

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1. After checking with the Director and Gen. Cabell, I called Fred Rhodes, Assistant to Senator Saltonstall, who had requested further information on an alleged request by Senator Symington to come down and talk to the Director on matters relating to the work of his Subcommittee [redacted]

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[redacted] I informed Mr. Rhodes, who was to pass the information on to Senator Saltonstall, that Senator Symington had called the Director and indicated that he wanted to come and see him. The Director of course indicated that he would be happy to talk to Senator Symington, but made it very clear that he felt that he should testify only before the Committee as against individual members. The Director emphasized he was willing to abide by the wishes of the Committee as to the extent to which he should become involved in this matter.

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2. Messrs. Paul, [redacted] met with representatives of the Bureau of the Budget to discuss those provisions of the draft CIA legislation relating to commuted per diem rates and medical benefits for dependents. The Bureau had two specific proposals which would take the place of the sections proposed in our draft, both of which have been already accepted by the State Department and now appear in the bill to amend the Foreign Service Act which has just been introduced in the Congress. After some discussion of these two provisions, we agreed to consider these proposals and to give our reactions to the Bureau as readily as possible. As for the over-all Bureau of the Budget position on our proposed bill, I requested that they move ahead, without waiting further word from us, in giving their formal position. They indicated that they would do so and that we should have it by the end of this week. Later on in the day I confirmed with Roger Jones the urgency of getting a final decision on our legislation, and he agreed to give it top priority.

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3. I also discussed with Roger Jones the status of executive pay and other legislation in which the Agency is interested. Regarding executive pay, his information is that Senator Johnston is purposely delaying consideration of the matter until after the domestic political scene clarifies, at least on the Democratic side. Although he didn't make a prediction, he inferred that it is going to take a considerable push from the White House to reactivate this bill, and unless this push is forthcoming, there is considerable doubt as to whether we will have an executive pay act.

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